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Reps Ferrari and Fahrbach: House Okays Measure Creating Bloomfield-East Granby Probate District



The state House of Representatives today approved a measure offered by state Representatives Richard F. Ferrari, R-62nd District, and Ruth C. Fahrbach, R-61st District, that would create a new Bloomfield-East Granby Probate District.

"This consolidation will help the towns of East Granby and Bloomfield keep the courts closer to the people they serve while introducing efficiencies and a more streamlined operation for the citizens of both communities," Representative Ferrari said.

"The Probate Court administrator and the legislature have attempted to mandate the consolidation of smaller probate courts in an effort to reduce overall costs," said Representative Fahrbach. "After holding public hearings on this proposal, both the East Granby Board of Selectman and Bloomfield Town Council voted to express their support for the consolidation. This is an excellent example of how municipalities can work together to address local concerns and reduce costs without state intervention."

The measure, an amendment to a related bill (House Bill 5382), would establish the new probate district by January 2007. The towns would elect a probate judge who would preside over the court in 2006. The measure was sent to the State Senate for final legislative approval, the legislators said.